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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI DELEGATIONS VISIT BULGARIA

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1. IN INSTANCE OF FINELY TUNED, ALMOST SYMMETRICAL DIPLOMACY, BULGARIA HAD VISITING DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA IN SOFIA DURING LAST FEW DAYS OF JULY.

2. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY GESSESSE VOLDEN KIDAN, MEMBER OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF PMAC, AND INCLUDED ALSO MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AND TOURISM ASHAGEREYIGLETU (PHON) AND GETACHU TEKLE. DURING VISIT THEY MET WITH
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POLITBURO MEMBER AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN TANO TSOLOV, POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER AND STATE COUNCIL DEPUTY CHAIRMAN PEKO TAKOV, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KHRISTO KHRISTOV, HEALTH MINISTER RADOY POPIVANOV, AND PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHIEF DIMITUR STANISHEV. TAKOV SAW THEM OFF JULY 31 FOR RETURN TO ETHIOPIA AFTER FOUR-DAY VISIT.

3. SOMALI DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL MOHAMED ALI SHIRE, MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY (SRSP) AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE; CC MEMBER AND HEAD OF SRSP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ABDURAHMAN AIDID, AND CC COOPERATIVE DEPARTMENT HEAD ABDULI URSMANI. THEY MET WITH PARTY SECRETARY IVAN PRUMOV AND STANISHEV, WHO SIGNED WITH AIDID JULY 29 A PROTOCOL FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND SRSP FOR PERIOD 1977-78.

4. COMMENT: HAVING BOTH DELEGATIONS VISIT AT SAME TIME ENABLED BULGARIA TO SEEM NOT TO TAKE SIDES. (SEE REFTEL FOR SIMILAR EXAMPLE.) AT SAME TIME, ETHIOPIANS WERE RECEIVED AT MUCH HIGHER LEVEL THAN SOMALIS, A CLEAR SIGN THAT BULGARIA, AS EXPECTED, IS FOLLOWING SOVIET LEAD IN HORN OF AFRICA POLITICS.
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